

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 886

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to recognize Hugh Braddock on the occasion of his retirement as publisher of the *Robertson County Times*.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their productive careers; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Braddock is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over twenty years as publisher of the *Robertson County Times*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braddock took a much deserved retirement from his duties on April 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure as publisher of the *Times*, Mr. Braddock worked successfully to expand the size of the publication, as well as its editorial staff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braddock believes strongly in community journalism, and he worked with purpose and conviction to publish the quality newspaper that the public needs and deserves; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious career in journalism at the tender age of sixteen, working in the mailroom of a local newspaper while still a high school student in his native Callahan, Florida; and

WHEREAS, after studying journalism at the University of Georgia, Mr. Braddock returned to work for the same company as a print manager for several newspapers in Florida and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, circa 1970, he transferred to South Carolina and truly came into his own as an editor and reporter; and

WHEREAS, he began working as the sole editor and writer for a weekly newspaper, but quickly ascended the corporate ladder to serve as a general manager overseeing ten newspapers across the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braddock also learned to build sources and sharpened his writing skills while covering crime, courts, and city government, and even served as the unofficial photographer for the coroner for a brief time; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, he relocated to Louisiana where he assumed a management role for another newspaper company and transitioned several publications from twice-weekly to daily editions, working 80 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, a mere thirty years into his career, Mr. Braddock responded to a blind ad for an editor and publisher position at what turned out to be the *Robertson County Times*, and the rest is history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braddock is looking forward to spending the golden years of retirement with his wife, Kay; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career in journalism, Hugh Braddock has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful reading public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Hugh Braddock our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we salute his outstanding career in communications and brilliant tenure as publisher of the *Robertson County Times*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.